

January 17, 2008

Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

ATTN: Phillis Johnson-Ball  
Environmental Filing,  
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Surface Transportation Board:

I could not attend your meeting regarding the sale of EJ&E to Canadian National Railroad which was held in Joliet but I want to voice my disapproval of this acquisition.

I live at the corner of Nelson and Andrea where there is a crossing. The back of my house is approximately 50 feet from the tracks. Right now when there is a long train, my house vibrates from it going by. There are also some conductors who like to lay on their horn a block away from the crossing early in the morning to wake everyone up who isn't up yet. I had to get rid of my white patio furniture because of all the soot from the engines that accumulated on it.

If this acquisition goes through my property will be worth NOTHING. The vibration alone from all the additional trains will ruin my home and I can imagine just how bad the noise and pollution will be. We won't be able to go out in our yards because trains will constantly be going by. The noise will be unbearable. We won't be able to open up our windows for fresh air because there won't be any. The pollution from the trains is bad now, but it will be ten times worse if more trains are going by. We won't be able to sell our home because nobody will want to live next to these train tracks and put up with the pollution and noise.

I hope when you make your decision you will really look into the environmental issues that are going to impact the families that live in these communities.

Sincerely,



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